Availability of drinking water in rural areas of U.P.

†3699. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether drinking water is not available in most of the rural areas of districts in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of reformative measures taken so far and by when drinking water would be made available to these villages of Uttar Pradesh;

(d) the details of Central assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(e) the details of achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) As per Comprehensive Action Plan 1999, all the rural habitations of Uttar Pradesh are fully covered with the stipulated norms of 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) of safe drinking water supply.

(d) and (e) Rural Water Supply is a State subject. The Central Government, however, provides financial Assistance to the State Governments to supplement their efforts in providing drinking water facility to the rural habitations under a Centrally sponsored scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The State Governments are, however, competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply projects from ARWSP funds. The State Government has reported coverage of 2616 rural schools with drinking water supply during the last three years. Since all the habitations in Uttar Pradesh have been covered, State Government has intimated that the programme is being implemented on demand driven approach and community contribution is being obtained for relaxed norms of ARWSP. The assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh under various components of ARWSP during last three years have been indicated in the following table:—

Sl. No.	ARWSP Component	Releases made (Rs. in lakh)		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	ARWSP-Normal	10449.46	10457.00	12991.00
2.	ARWSP-PM's programme	-	675.27	1466.91
3.	ARWSP-Calamity relief	900.00	-	464.00
4.	ARWSP-Sect. Ref./Swajaldhara	17.30	2377.88	2070.46

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